

House Resolution No. 1723

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events related to those Show-Me State communities that admirably broaden and deepen the social, historic, and economic foundations of this great state; and

Whereas, Forest City, Missouri, began as a small settlement whose residents supplied wood for steamboats traveling upstream and downstream on the Missouri River; and

Whereas, on October 27, 1857, a group of men believing in the commercial possibilities of the area formed a company known as the Forest City Extension Company and named the extant community the City of Forest, whose name quickly reversed to become Forest City; and

Whereas, Forest City grew rapidly to a population of 1,000 persons and was well on its way to becoming one of the most important ports on the Missouri River when disaster struck on the night of August 10, 1868, and the river changed its course and left the town landlocked; and

Whereas, known as a location where riverboat captains were paid in gold for their wares, Forest City lost its original investors due to the fickle nature of the Missouri River, but many of the original inhabitants remained and dedicated their efforts to keeping their town a good place to live, work, and raise families; and

Whereas, Forest City also was known as the location of a cottonwood tree that the Lewis and Clark expedition used earlier to tie their boats to as they passed through on their voyage of discovery; and

Whereas, located near Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Forest City will hold a One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary celebration from June 26 to July 1, 2007, in honor of its founding; and

Whereas, events planned for the Anniversary include a parade, Little Miss Pageant, Queen of Today contest, Queen of Tomorrow contest, vendor sales, a Vintage Fashion Show and High Tea, and Civil War reenactments:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, people, and institutions associated with the town of Forest City and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the founding of their hometown; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Forest City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Thomson
District No. 4

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1723, adopted April 3, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker